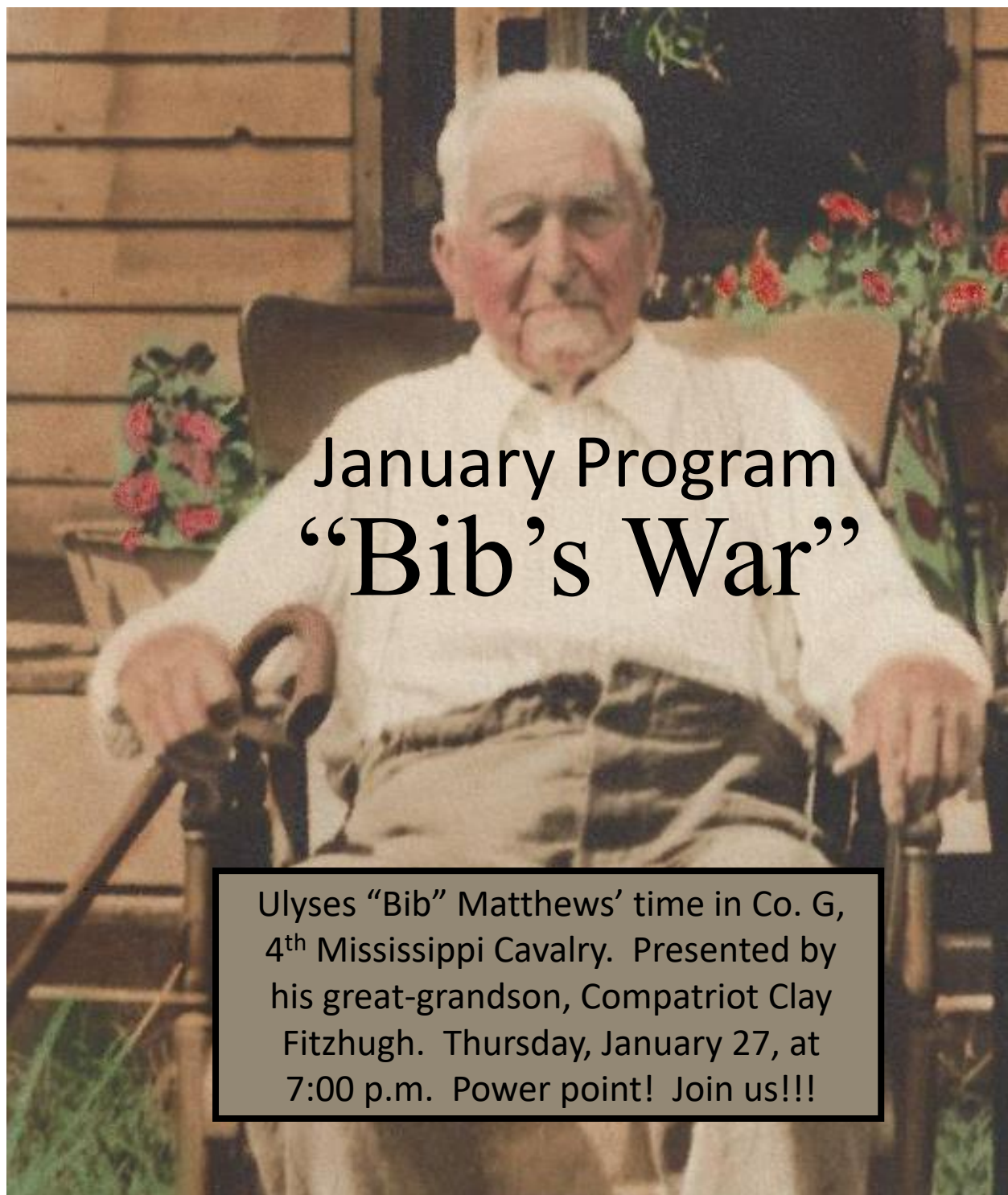




**Col. E. W. Taylor Camp #1777**  
**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**  
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January Program  
**“Bib’s War”**

Ulyses “Bib” Matthews’ time in Co. G,  
4<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Cavalry. Presented by  
his great-grandson, Compatriot Clay  
Fitzhugh. Thursday, January 27, at  
7:00 p.m. Power point! Join us!!!

**CONFEDERATE LIVES STILL MATTER**

# Joint M. T. Johnson-E. W. Taylor Christmas Party in Arlington on December 9 at Coker's BBQ

*Your editor couldn't do all the photo IDs, so he put in all the photos he received as large as possible.*





## Christmas Party, cont.

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is when we're  
gonna take  
America back !!!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2022

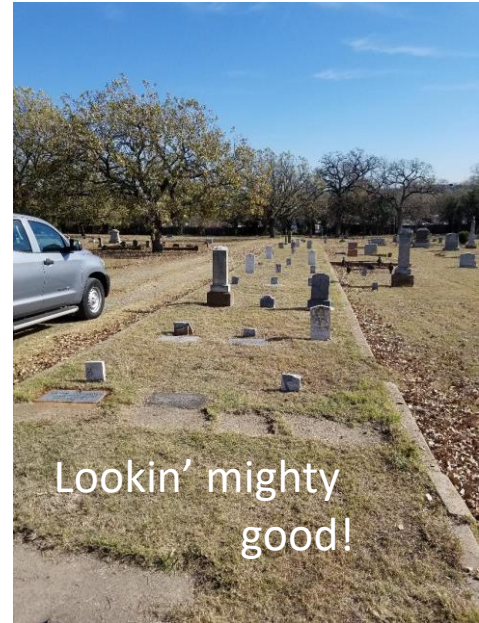




# Cleaning up at Soldiers Row in Oakwood in December



Compatriot Bobby Gresham  
weed-eatin'.



Lookin' mighty  
good!

Photos by Compatriot James Alderman



Left-to-right:  
Compatriots

Clay Fitzhugh, Rich  
McCook, and  
Van Cunningham

James Eubank,  
of Co. G, 9<sup>th</sup> Mo  
Inf. could use a  
good stone like  
McRae s' at left.

Levelling a stone we made and  
set eight years ago.



# Wreaths Across America at Oakwood December 18

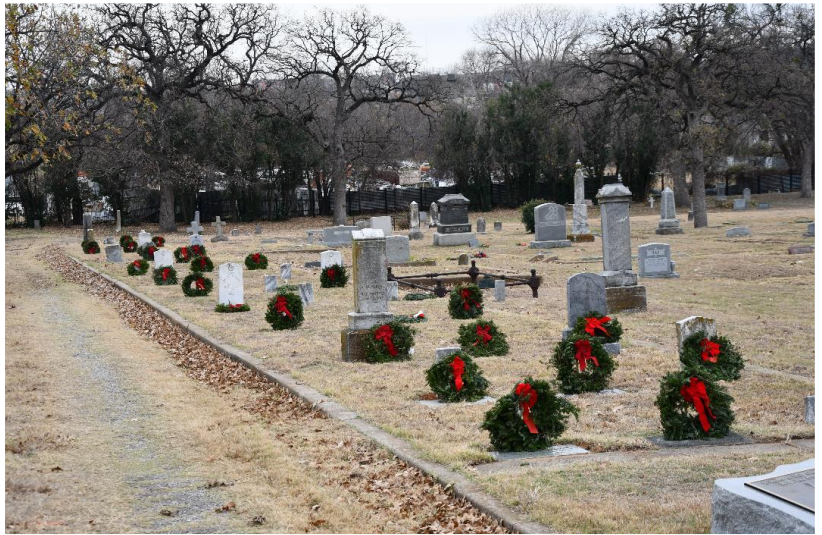


The crew who did the wreaths on Confederate row (shown here) were, l-r, James Alderman, Jake Behringer (Joe Wade's grandson), Bobby Gresham, and Joe Wade.

About 100 volunteers braved the cold weather to place about 759 wreaths on veterans' graves in the cemetery.

About 75 of them were placed on Confederates' graves.

Several organizations helped with the funding, including the E. W. Taylor SCV Camp, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and other interested individuals.





# Cleaning up in Soldiers' Row in Oakwood Cemetery in December



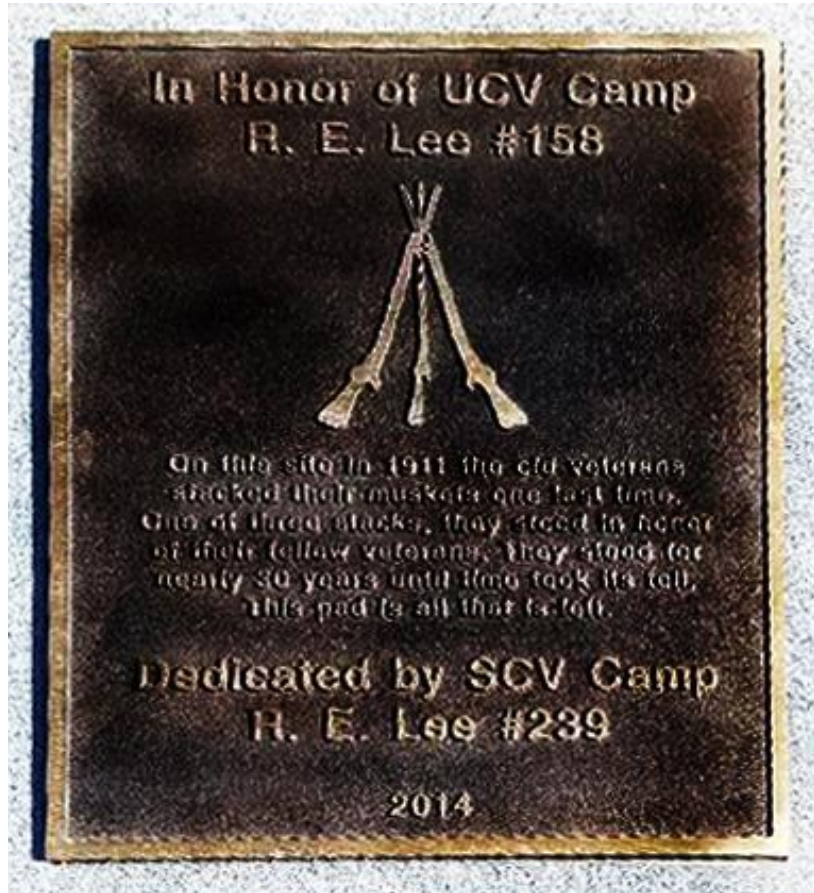
## Huge Surprise at Oakwood!

About 1911 the UCV Camp here poured three concrete triangles in Soldiers' Row so three Enfield Muskets could be stacked on each. One morning in December James Alderman decided to clean out the holes where the butt plates would have sat in one of them.

Amazingly, the iron butt plate of a musket was still in the hole there, including the upper screw which held it to the stock. The hole for the bottom screw was still there.

The lower part of the plate is bent, most likely when someone wrenched the musket free of the base. That 180-degree-plus bend would have taken a "ton" of leverage to make.

Back in 2014 the R. E. Lee SCV Camp here funded and set a bronze plaque on a huge piece of granite beside one of the triangular musket bases. Hurrah for the RE Lee SCV camp, too!





# In memory of Bob Dole, American Hero (1923-2021)

Like many Americans who are old enough to have any awareness or sense, I was saddened to hear of the death of Robert Joseph Dole on December 5, 2021. I haven't owned a TV in several years, so I don't know the extent to which the mainstream media has downplayed his remarkable life and service to America, if they didn't ignore him altogether.

Bob Dole was born in Russell, Kansas to a working class family. His great-grandfather Dole was a Union soldier in Co. H, 38<sup>th</sup> Ohio Inf. in Sherman's army; he was seriously wounded in the assault at Jonesboro, Georgia in 1864, had his leg amputated, and was finally discharged in 1865 as a non-commissioned officer.

Bob Dole was as a star basketball player in high school. While at Kansas University, he played on the football, basketball, and track teams. He enlisted in the US Army in 1942 and became a second lieutenant in the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division. In April 1945 in Italy he was wounded by a German shell which stuck his upper body and shattered his collarbone and part of his spine. He later said he remembered lying face-down unable move his arms; he figured they were missing.

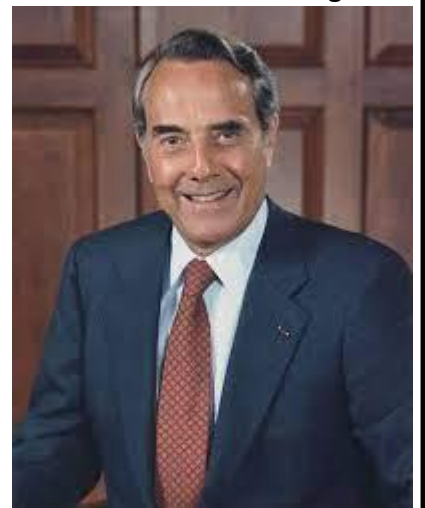
When his fellow soldiers saw his injuries, they assumed all they could do was give him a huge dose of morphine. They wrote a large M on his forehead in his own blood, to let the next men coming by know not to give him more, which would kill him.

For a long time, he was paralyzed from the neck down and at one point had a fever of more than 108 degrees. One of his doctors finally helped him overcome his despondency. Dole forever told everyone that Dr. Kelikian had inspired him to use what he had left and do what he could with it. That's an understatement for what he achieved in later life.

Dole's recovery was truly remarkable. For the rest of his life, he had limited use of his right arm and numbness in his left arm. He minimized the effect in public by holding a pen in his right hand.

He served in political office for many years, including in the Kansas House of Representatives for two terms, and in the U. S. House for several terms. He served in the U. S. Senate from 1969 until 1996. He also served at various times as chairman of the Republican National Committee, Senate Majority Leader, and was the Republican Presidential Nominee in 1996. He was the last WWII veteran to be a presidential nominee of a major political party.

A liberal political critic of his once wrote: "He is an old-style politician in the sense that he believes everybody's supposed to be honorable." Good for him. *This is a tribute written by your editor.*



# Around the Confederacy

Thanks to Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh for sharing these items with us

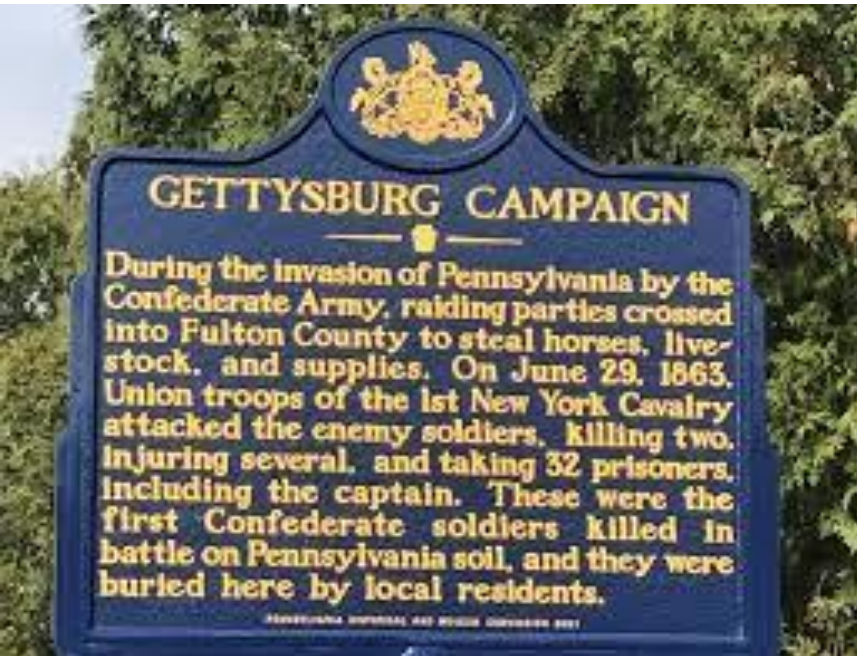


## Storied 29th Infantry Patch Possibly on Chopping Block Due to Confederate Ties

Same story, 59<sup>th</sup> verse. Thousands of men from this Division were the first out of the landing craft on D-Day. Now their detractors are looking for anything. The article even points out the yin-yang pattern which includes blue and the dreaded GRAY. Are we now going to start having color police? No one mentioned the Chinese origin of the symbol. With all the problems America now has, do we need to even mention something this trivial? Well, NO!

<https://news.google.com/articles/CBMiSmh0dHBzOi8vbmV3cy55YWwhvby5jb20vc3RvcmlIJC0yOXRoLWluZmFudHJ5LXBhdGNoLXBvc3NpYmx5LTE2NTUwNTg3OC5odG1s0gFSaHR0cHM6Ly9uZXdzLnIhaG9vLmNvbS9hbXBodG1sL3N0b3JpZWQtMjI0aC1pbmZhbnRyeS1wYXRjaC1wb3NzaWJseS0xNjU1MDU4NzguaHRtbA?hl=en-US&gl=US&ceid=US%3Aen>

## Pennsylvania revises Confederate markers, recasts forces as 'enemy' soldiers.



### From the *Philadelphia Inquirer*

After removing a trio of Confederate historical markers an hour west of Gettysburg, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has replaced two with significant revisions that view Confederate milestones through a more critical lens.

Two of the items have been revised to position the Union army more centrally in the historical narrative and to depict the Confederates as a destructive invaders.

The article includes lots of leftist-sounding quotes, like ...” The plaque [not the one above left] was dedicated by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, a neo-Confederate group widely known for venerating the Southern army and [whitewashing Civil War history](#).

[https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/spl/pennsylvania-20211214.html?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=edit\\_social\\_share\\_email\\_traffic&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=&utm\\_term=&int\\_promo](https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/spl/pennsylvania-20211214.html?utm_source=email&utm_campaign=edit_social_share_email_traffic&utm_medium=email&utm_content=&utm_term=&int_promo)



# First Time Capsule Found Beneath Richmond's Robert E. Lee Monument Confounds Historians



The two photos above ran with a story by *Fox News*

NBC News/AP ran an article which was surprisingly good and Confederate-neutral before the last six paragraphs, when it definitely went North. [Herewith we all stop using the old adage “*went south*” for any endeavor which suddenly begins to go wrong.] The link to the article is behind the red bar at right.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/contents-time-capsule-removed-robert-e-lee-statue-pedestal-revealed-rcna9738>

[By the time you're able to read this the article may have been taken down or have had its lead visual changed]





# Our Adjutant James Alderman (white shirt) takes his best shot in Columbus, Georgia



**James Alderman, center above, is currently Commander-in-Chief of the OSC at the National Level.**

At the recent meeting of the Society of the Order of the Southern Cross in Columbus, GA, James was elevated from "powder monkey" to No. 4 man on the gun. That's the guy who pulls the lanyard, in case you did not know. The picture above shows him firing the 32-pound naval gun that was found in the Chattahoochee River from the gunboat CSS Chattahoochee, which was scuttled on April 17, 1865 near Columbus. She lay underwater until 1963, when remains were found within the boundaries of Fort Benning. Because she lay submerged for nearly a century she is the only Confederate gunboat that has survived to the modern era.

The folks at the National Civil War Naval Museum gave the OSC a great tour before firing the gun. James says, "Man, what a back blast and to think those guys were below deck with minimal ventilation!"

The Taylor Camp received two grants from the OSC in the past few years which made it possible for us to make granite headstones for more than forty Confederate graves in Tarrant County.



# The Society of the Order of the Southern Cross



Lt. Gen Leonidas Polk



*Lt. Gen. Polk, at left, was one of the three founders. He is pictured here because he was the ranking member of the three.*



James Alderman, present C-I-C

Founded originally in 1863 as an organization to provide for the relief of disabled soldiers and the widows and orphans of those who had died in service to the Confederacy, today the Order of the Southern Cross serves as a philanthropic organization whose purpose is the preservation of our Southern heritage and its history.

The original founders of the Order of the Southern Cross, Lt. General Leonidas Polk, Major General Patrick Cleburne and Reverend Charles Quintard, had hoped that the organization they were creating, "The Order of the Comrades of the Southern Cross," would help relieve the soldier's anxieties as to the suffering of their families, enabling them to rededicate themselves once again to the great battles that lay ahead for the Army of Tennessee.

Today, the main purpose of the Order of the Southern Cross is to provide financial assistance to qualified groups through its Grants Program and to offer scholarships to college-bound students through its Order of the Southern Cross Memorial Scholarship. Thus, it continues to honor the sacrifices of those old soldiers by helping to preserve our Southern heritage and its history.

**We are proud that a Texan and that a member of the E. W. Taylor Camp of the S.C.V., our adjutant, has been named Commander-in-Chief of this distinguished organization. The Taylor Camp has received two generous grants in past years from the OSC which enabled us to mark more than forty Confederate graves.**



# The Frontier Brigade Band



If you didn't know it already, you need to realize that the E. W. Camp has some amazingly-talented people in it. Two of our members, Rich McCook and Terry Theiss, are members of this band which can present itself in several different personae.



A small group of them also do programs as *The Brass Connection*, as they did in a Christmas program in Bedford in December, below and left. That's a teacher-friend of your editor's, Karel Stewart, between Rich and Terry, at left, at the Christmas program. She went at your editor's recommendation.

They can expertly portray a Federal military, Confederate military, or Civilian brass band of the 1850s-1870s.

They also appear as the 1859 Marine Band. Go to the website and read the amazing lengths they went to for realism...

...and then there's Buffalo Bill's Cowboy Band, which includes some pieces written especially for *Buffalo Bill's Wild West*.

Go to their website and follow every link out to its end. You'll be educated and entertained. Your editor's grandmother told him she went to see Buffalo Bill's show when it came to Fort Worth. (Don't skip *Did Buffalo Bill Visit Your Town?* You'll be amazed at all the places they went and performed.)

For lots of The Bands' music and information, go to:

<http://www.frontierbrigadeband.com/index.html>



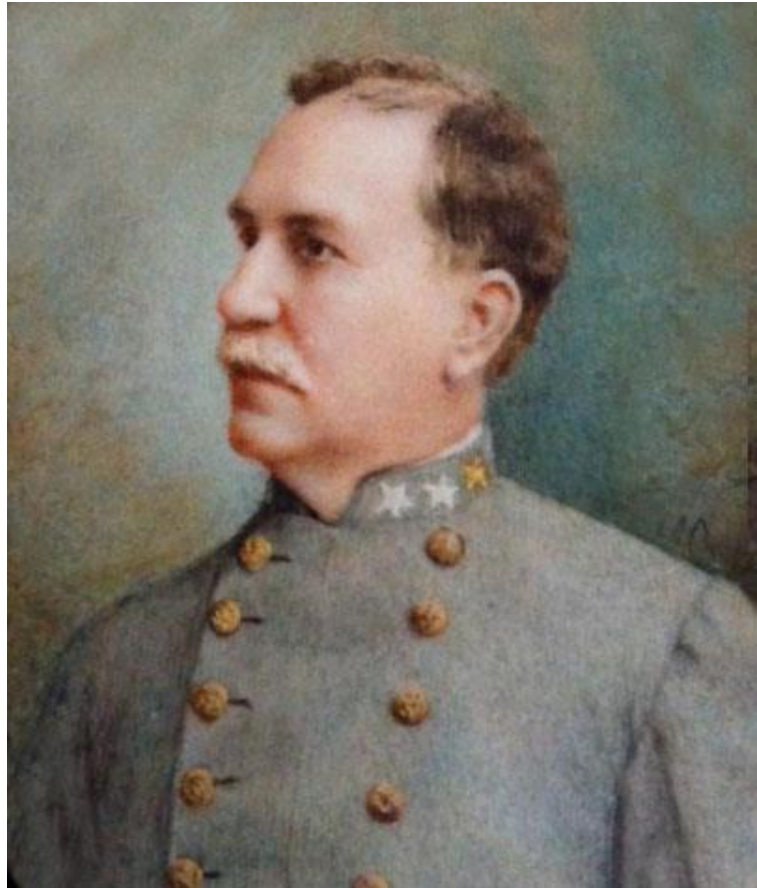


# **Who are we? We are the Col. Ennis Ward Taylor Camp #1777**

**Our meetings** are on the last Thursday of each month, except November and December when we don't meet because it would always conflict with the holidays. We eat at 6:00, meet at 7:00, and adjourn by 8:30.

**Each month's program** announcement is always on the first page of this newsletter.

**We meet at the Catfish and Company restaurant in Hurst, Texas,** along the north side of the Airport Freeway and on the access road west of Precinct Line Road.



**<http://www.taylorcampscv.org/>**

Go to our website and start looking at our newsletters, beginning with the most recent and working back. For our website: The user name is TaylorCamp and password is SCV1777EWTaylorCamp